

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro Tem Tim Wilson called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers: Eleanor Brodahl, Kenneth Caylor, Dan Dever, Kenneth Johnson, and Marc Spohr

Also Present: City Administrator Ehman Sheldon and Department Heads: Stan Anderton, Mike Bailey, Chief Steve Dunnagan, Debbie Kudrna, and Jay Van Ness

Absent Was: Mayor Shannon McKay and Councilmember Mark Snyder

ADDRESSING QUESTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

Finance Officer Mike Bailey addressed two financial questions posed by Councilmember Spohr at the last Council meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING - 2010 REVENUES

Mayor Pro Tem Tim Wilson opened the public hearing on the 2010 projected revenues at 6:08 p.m. Finance Officer Mike Bailey reviewed the estimated 2010 revenues in the general fund, street fund, water fund, sewer fund, solid waste fund, tourism fund, real estate excise fund, and the utility tax fund. Mayor Pro Tem Wilson asked for public comments. There were none. Mayor Pro Tem Wilson advised that there were public notices posted at City Hall to advise that the public hearing was being held at this location. Councilmember Spohr stated that the Council did not review the reserve funds. Mayor Pro Tem Wilson closed the public hearing at 6:43 p.m.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

City Planner Darryl Piercy led a discussion regarding a comprehensive plan. He explained how the comprehensive plan is used as a policy document, road map, budgetary tool, community vision, forecasting tool, and development guideline. He advised that the Planning Commission has been reviewing the comprehensive plan: identifying issues, stating goals, collecting data, and preparing a new plan. He reviewed the various elements within a comprehensive plan, then of a Capital Facilities Plan and how it identifies projects that are important to the needs of a community to ensure adequate public facilities and services, funding, programming, and maintenance to meet future demands. Mr. Piercy explained how the Economic Development section of the plan will provide a clear message regarding the City's policies and philosophy regarding business development. The plan will also include existing and future parks and recreation needs. Councilmember Spohr asked if housing and the natural gas issues are included in the comprehensive plan. Mr. Piercy stated that they could be addressed in the comprehensive and capital facility plans.

ORDINANCE REGARDING RESIDENTIAL VEHICLE STORAGE

City Planner Darryl Piercy explained that a draft ordinance has been developed relevant to residential vehicle storage. This is intended to regulate vehicles that are parked on front yards. It includes enforcement procedures. There was discussion regarding the proposed ordinance and current issues inside the city.

REVIEW OF CITY COUNCIL 2010 BUDGET REQUESTS

City Administrator Ehman Sheldon explained that Council was asked to submit their budget requests and held a review of them including: a full-time Parks and Recreation Director; Othello Facilitator; expanding parking at the community pool; a slide/kid toy at the shallow end of the pool; lights on the new basketball court and on the east baseball diamond; lighting and cameras in Kiwanis Park; a skate/bike park; and repaving the two center lanes on South Broadway. Council discussed other possible projects, including enlarging Olympia Street.

Councilmember Caylor advised that the Centennial Committee has requested an additional \$4,000 for continued funding of the 2010 Othello Centennial Event. He also suggested a plan for additional parking at Lions Park. He also asked that Council support the development of a small centennial park, adjacent to the walk path trail head. A community/Coulee Corridor kiosk, which would be funded by the Coulee Corridor Consortium, will be erected at the site. He asked for \$10,000 for the utilities and electricity. There was further discussion regarding the development of this trail head. Councilmember Caylor reminded the Council of the work done in 2004 on the

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development of a Coulee Corridor Community and visitor center. He suggested that a small portion of a new community park be developed into a community/visitor center. He presented a budget concept to fund it. He advised that there is possible grant funding available for the project and use of City funds as the grant matching money. Council discussed this proposal further, including future maintenance and operations of this type of a community building and budgetary scenario.

Councilmember Spohr asked if Public Works is requesting a new lawn mower. Jay Van Ness advised that a Z-drive lawn mower is being considered in the 2010 budget requests.

Councilmember Johnson explained that he would like to get some shovel ready property developed for business growth.

KIWANIS PARKING LOT OPTIONS REVIEW

Municipal Services Coordinator Jay Van Ness presented four concepts for additional parking at Kiwanis Park. There was further discussion about a parking concept and Mr. Van Ness will incorporate the Council's comments into a parking scenario.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHARE INFORMATION

Mayor Pro Tem Tim Wilson reported on the recent pool committee meeting. Councilmember Caylor reported on the Centennial Committee projects. Councilmember Johnson advised there is an ACDC meeting this Thursday at City Hall.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION

Council adjourned into an executive session regarding real estate acquisition at 9:15 p.m. for approximately 30 minutes. Council reconvened at 9:42 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Pro Tem Wilson adjourned the workshop at 9:43 p.m.

By: _____
SHANNON MCKAY, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
DEBBIE L. KUDRNA, City Clerk